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Sharing culture through ceremonial dance



Yermo Aranda instructs youngsters.



White Hawk Dancers Yermo Aranda, front, and Elizabeth Reyes, back, show students steps.

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DANCES dating to pre-Columbian times were performed last week by White Hawk Dancers, of Watsonville, before students at Mintie White Elementary School.

The dancers are led by Yermo Aranda, and include Aranda's wife, Arai-i, his daughter Mica and his son Cayo. Other members of the troupe, which performs through the Spectra arts in the classroom program, are Vincente Moreno, Philip Gonzales, Elizabeth Reyes and Tina Jacobo.

Native American culture is taught to students through performance and participation. Aranda has been performing for the past six years in local schools.



Above, Cayo Aranda in authentic costume. Left, dancer Mica Aranda.